

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

Maybe we'll have to shut the school down

With the recent revelation that Atkinson College has hired over 60 per cent non-Canadian faculty — mostly American — it becomes more evident why the senate is trying to suppress citizenship statistics and educational background data on faculty this year.

On Tuesday, however, 300 students and faculty held a protest rally and indicated they were not going to put up with senate's nonsense much longer.

The senate was given until this Tuesday to reverse its decision to withhold the statistics or face the possible consequences.

The senate's recent action, though, should come as no surprise. It only points out once again the disregard this university has for the needs of the very people it asks year after year to foot the bill for maintaining this bastion of irrelevance.

The sad part is that we students have also betrayed those same people by standing idle for so long.

Perhaps the time for silence and quiet diplomacy is over.

The senate has taken action and openly suppressed educational information needed by the public for a

complete understanding of the university.

Is an intellectual discussion of Americanization sufficient or will we now have to put our beliefs and convictions right on the line?

Perhaps the time has come for the slogan "struggle for Canada" to take on a more fundamental meaning.

We cannot forget that inaction on our part will be interpreted by other Ontario universities as acceptance of the senate's action and they may well follow suit, feeling it is safe to do so. We must assure them that it isn't.

Let's face it, there is increasing evidence to show that the influx of American professors and content into York has diverted the university's energies from examining Canadian

problems and hence finding solutions to those problems.

In addition, it appears that Canadian tax money is paying for the graduate training of non-Canadians while at the same time there is a shortage of qualified Canadian professors.

How does York expect to obtain Canadian professors when it doesn't train Canadian graduates?

The senate has clearly shown where it stands on the whole question of Americanization. They prefer to hide the problem rather than deal with it.

York's senate has set a precedent. Some of us are willing to set another precedent.

People Tuesday demonstrated that they would no longer be complicit in the

Americanization of this university. As responsible Canadians they demanded that York begin dealing with the needs of the Canadian people.

If the senate persists in ignoring these needs — the need to deal with Canadian content in classes and the need for Canadian professors to teach them — and if it continues to openly work against the interests of the Canadian people, then it may be forcing people at York into a position where the only alternative left is to shut this institution down.

What, then, is to be done?

We must learn to struggle in our classrooms and in our economy. We must become masters in our own house.

—Robin Mathews

Cleanup games

Two new games on the market are called "Smog" and "Dirty Water". With dice and boards and cards they are supposed to acquaint the players with some of the realities and complexities of air and water pollution, and with the compromises necessary to reach the cleanup goals.

There's nothing wrong with playing while learning, or vice versa, and the new entries in the fun market do at least promise to spread an anti-pollution message. In fact, we recommend that they be installed in corporate board rooms across the country, as reminders that too many people have been playing unfunny games with our environment too long.

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